(b) to (d). With the closure of the Srinagar Passport Office in February 1990, the processing of applications for passports of persons from Jammu & Kashmir was started in Regional Passport Office at Delhi. No separate record is maintained and these applications are posessed along with the application form Delhi.

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Study on Utilisation of Water from Irrigation Reseruoirs

5808. DR.G.L.KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to State :

(a) whether a Sub-Committee of the National Water Board is conducting a study to find out the ways and means of utilisation of water from irrigation reservoirs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Sub-Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No such Sub-Committee has been set up. However, the National Water Board has established a Committee on river basin organisations to prepare a comprehensive plan for the development and management of the river basin as a whole, being into account not only the needs of irrigation but also other water uses. The Committee is required to submit its report within a period of six months.

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Setting up of Cross Bar Telephone Exchange in Cuddalore Town of Tamil Nadu Circle

5809. SHRI P.P. KALIA PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install an automatic ICP 3000 cross-bar exchange in the Cuddalore Municipal Town of Cuddalore Telecommunication District of Tamil Nadu Circle; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes Sir, 2500 Lins ICP cross bar exchange.

(b) By March 92.

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Long Distance Public Telephones and Joint Post and Telegraph Offices

5810. DR.JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to State :

(a) the extent to which the target fixed to operate 1.35 lakh lines of local switching capacity in addition to 15,000 long distance public telephones and 1,000 joint post and telegraph offices under the annual Plan 1990-91 has ben achieved;

(b) the States where these telephones and joint post and telegraph offices are functioning;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the target; and

(d) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Annual Plan 1990-91 had a target of gross capacity addition of 1.35 lakh lines in rural areas. This has been exceeded. As regards Long Distance Public Telephones and combined offices the achievements are 1742 and 555 respectively.

(b) This addition switching capacity and Long Distance Public Telephones have been provided in all States. Combined post and telegraph offices are presently working in all states.

(c) The shortfall in respect of Long Distance Public Telephones is due to inadequate supply of the equipment to connect these to the nearest telephone exchanges.

(d) No problem is foreseen in regard to providing exchange capacity as planned in Rural areas. For ensuring success of the Long Distance Public Telephones Programme, task forces have been constituted in each Telecom Circles and close monitoring of supplies and commissioning programme is being done at the Headquarters.

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Commemorative Postal stamps

5811. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to issue more commemorative postal stamp on the historic forts of Rajasthan in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is presently no proposal to issue special stamps on the historic forts of Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

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Public Call Offices in Ernakulam and Kottayam Districts of Kerala

5812. SHRI P.C.THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether more P.C.Os are proposed to be provided in Ernakulam and Kottayam districts in Kerala during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) *ERNAKULAM DISTRICT*

P.Ts provided from 1.4.91 to 31.7.91	115
P.Ts proposed to be provided from 1.8.91to 31.3.92.	60

(ii) *KOTTAYAM DISTRICT*

P:Ts provided from 1.4.91 to 31.7.91	8
P.Ts to be provided from 1.8.91 to 31.3.92	45

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Expansion of Para-Military Forces

5813. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:(a) whether the Government propose to expand the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other Para-Military